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TAGS: MPOL, NATO, DA

SUBJECT: DANISH DEFENSE AGREEMENT

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1. WE AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR NATO TO MAKE ITS VIEWS AVAILABLE TO THE DANISH GOVERNMENT BEFORE BUDGETARY APPROVAL BY THE FOLKETING.
2. WE OF COURSE WELCOME THE POSITIVE APPROACH TAKEN BY THE DANES IN MAINTAINING DEFENSE SPENDING IN REAL TERMS, AND AVOIDING THE NEAR-TERM DECREASES IN THE PREVIOUSLY

PROPOSED SIX-YEAR AGREEMENT. THE COMPENSATION FOR INFLATION, AS WELL AS THE VERY MODEST INCREASES FOR HOME GUARD, CONSCRIPT PAY, AND FISHERY ZONE SURVEILLANCE, ARE ENCOURAGING.

3. HOWEVER, WE FEEL CONSTRAINED TO POINT OUT THAT THERE IS NO REAL GROWTH IN ANY OF THE OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE DEFENSE BUDGET, AND THAT DANISH DEFENSE EXPENDITURES ARE STILL AMONG THE LOWEST BY PERCENTAGE OF GDP OF ALL NATIONS IN THE ALLIANCE. AT THE SAME TIME, SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED IN DANISH FORCES AND IN THEIR CAPABILITY TO MEET NATO FORCE GOALS. THE PROPOSED MARGINAL INCREASES

WILL BE INADEQUATE TO PROVIDE THOSE IMPROVEMENTS.

4. IN SUM WE WELCOME WHAT THEY HAVE DONE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES BUT HOPE THEY WILL FIND AN OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE THEIR DEFENSE EFFORT.

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